



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 501

LCO No. 1882

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

An Act Establishing The Connecticut Energy Planning Council.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) There is established a Connecticut Energy
2 Planning Council to coordinate energy related programs throughout
3 the state and to implement a broad range of energy policy strategies.
4 The council shall provide a forum for state agencies to raise and
5 discuss in a comprehensive manner issues that address, among other
6 things, energy use, energy demand, energy technology, energy supply,
7 energy price and the environmental impacts of energy and enable
8 agencies to synchronize their various efforts to form a cohesive energy
9 strategy for the future. At a minimum, the council shall: (1) Address
10 the environmental impacts of energy use in the transportation sector
11 and how to incorporate energy impacts into transportation decision
12 making and planning; (2) address the relationship between
13 transportation and land-use planning and develop guidelines to
14 demonstrate how land-use planning can work to increase energy
15 efficiency in the transportation sector; (3) develop and monitor energy
16 policy benchmarks and make these available to the public; (4)
17 coordinate and integrate updates to energy-related state plans and

18 make these available to the public; (5) act as the point agency for
19 activities and programs related to renewable energy resources and
20 energy efficiency; and (6) periodically make energy policy
21 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
22 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and to state
23 agencies, as appropriate.

24 (b) The Connecticut Energy Planning Council shall consist of the
25 following members:

26 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives
27 who has a background in public utility regulation but who is not a
28 public official or employee of a state agency;

29 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate who
30 has a background in consumer issues relating to energy consumption
31 but who is not a public official or employee of a state agency;

32 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
33 Representatives who shall be a member of the joint standing
34 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
35 relating to energy;

36 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall be
37 a member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
38 having cognizance of matters relating to energy;

39 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
40 Representatives who shall be a representative of customers with
41 hardship cases, as defined in section 16-262c of the general statutes;

42 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall be
43 a representative of an environmental group;

44 (7) Two appointed by the Governor who shall be representatives of
45 the energy industry;

46 (8) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Control Authority, or the
47 chairperson's designee;

48 (9) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or the
49 commissioner's designee;

50 (10) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
51 secretary's designee;

52 (11) The Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's
53 designee;

54 (12) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
55 designee;

56 (13) The Commissioner of Public Works, or the commissioner's
57 designee;

58 (14) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
59 or the commissioner's designee;

60 (15) The chairman of the Connecticut Siting Council or the
61 chairman's designee;

62 (16) A member of the Consumer Energy Advisory Board;

63 (17) A member of the Connecticut Development Authority;

64 (18) A member of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated;

65 (19) A member of the Energy Conservation Management Board;

66 (20) The executive director of the Connecticut Housing Investment
67 Fund or the director's designee; and

68 (21) The State Building Inspector, or the inspector's designee.

69 (c) All appointments to the council shall be made no later than thirty
70 days after the effective date of this act. Any vacancy shall be filled by

71 the appointing authority. The council shall elect a chairperson and
72 vice-chairperson from among its members and shall adopt such rules
73 of procedure as are necessary to carry out its functions. The members
74 of the council shall serve without compensation. The council shall meet
75 on a monthly basis or more frequently as it deems appropriate.

76 (d) The council may (1) impose reasonable reporting requirements
77 on other state agencies and private entities in the business of supplying
78 energy and energy services to consumers to provide information to the
79 council as the council deems necessary for it to carry out its planning
80 and decision-making responsibilities; and (2) host forums bringing
81 together agencies and other appropriate parties to discuss energy
82 issues.

83 (e) The Connecticut Energy Planning Council shall be within the
84 Office of Policy and Management for administrative purposes only.

85 Sec. 2. The sum of fifty thousand dollars is appropriated to the
86 Office of Policy and Management, from the General Fund, for the fiscal
87 year ending June 30, 2001, for the purpose of providing clerical
88 support to the Connecticut Energy Planning Council established
89 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

90 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a Connecticut Energy Planning Council to coordinate energy related programs throughout the state and to implement a broad range of energy policy strategies.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]